People below poverty line in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu

171. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of people below poverty line both in villages and towns in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu; and

(b) what is the percentage of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes below poverty line?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The percentage of people below poverty line in rural and urban areas in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu (According to 38th round of NSS Household Consumption Expenditure—1983-84) are given below:—

Andhra Pradesh			Tamil Nadu		
Rural	Urban	Combined	Rural	Urban	Combined
38.7	29.5	36.4	44.1	30.9	39.6

(b) The percentages of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes below poverty line in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu for 1983-84 are given below:—

Andhra Pradesh				Tamil Nadu			
Scheduled Castes		Scheduled Tribes		Scheduled Castes		Scheduled Tribes	
Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
51.0	43.3	48.4	43.3	59.4	54.5	50.9	51.1

Establishment of a superspeciality Hospital at Tirupati

172. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government are establishing a superspeciality Hospital in Tirupati; and

(b) if so, what is the Central Government's contribution in the establishment of this Hospital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Health is a State subject and opening of a new Hospital is the responsibility of the concerned State Government.

Sale of AIDS carrier drugs

173. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the continuous sale of AIDS carrier drug in the country despite a ban on its sale; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to withdraw the drug from the market and to strictly enforce the ban on its sale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The State Drugs Control Authorities have been directed in March, 1989 that all products derived from blood/plasma and placenta manufactured till date should be withdrawn and destroyed. Wide publicity has been given through press, radio and T.V. that as a matter of abundant caution the Government have withdrawn the above products and the recipients of these blood products should get their blood tested for H.I.V. antibodies at the nearest located AIDS surveillance centres.

Operations performed by a quack in Delhi

174. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news items which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 30th March, 1989 under the caption 'Quack held for fatal surgery' to the effect that a person who claimed to be M.B.B.S. and FRCS and to have performed 500 operations in Delhi, was only a Yoga teacher;

(b) whether Government have ordered an enquiry into the circumstances under which he could continue to practise as a doctor since 1975;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to stop such quacks from playing with human life?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Delhi Police is investigating the case.

(d) The Government of India issued a letter to all the State Governments on the 11th June, 1982 to take immediate action to put an end to the problem of practice by unqualified medical practitioners and to ensure that there is no fresh addition of unqualified persons to the stream of practitioners. Further, the instructions issued earlier for keeping in abeyance the penal provisions of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 were also withdrawn. On the recommendations of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare in February, 1989, all State Governments are being addressed to invoke penal provisions of the relevant statutes wherever complaints of exploitation by unqualified practitioners are brought to notice. A provision has been made for enhancing the penalty to unqualified practitioner in the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 1987 which is under consideration of the Joint Committee of Parliament.

Weather programme from CRAY-X-MP-14 Super Computer

175. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what type of research work is likely to be undertaken with the help of CRAY-X-MP-14 Super Computer installed at Delhi recently; and

(b) what would be the weather forecasting programme and upto how many days forecast would be possible for the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The Super Computer Cray X-MP